April 7, 1977

The annual meeting of the Lower Fremont Distribution System and the Road Creek Distribution System was convened in the Wayne County Court House at Loa, Utah at 10:20 a.m., April 7, 1977.

The meeting was conducted by Don Norseth, Distribution Engineer for the Division of Water Rights.

Those attending and their affiliation are as follows:

John Bene Deputy State Engineer Don Norseth Distribution Engineer Lamond Gardner Assistant Area Engineer Steve Black Cainville Canal Company

Talmage Jensen Self

L. Clair Okerland Road Creek

Robert Reynolds Capitol Reef National Park

Spencer Rees Road Creek

Don Pace Torrey Irrigation Company

Boyd Black Self

Jerry Chappell Security Ranches Grant Chappell River Commission

Mr. Norseth stated that Judge Tibbs had turned the Distribution System over to the State Engineer.

The minutes of the 1976 meeting were then read by Mr. Norseth, the minutes were approved as read.

The Financial Statement was then read by John Bene. There was some discussion on the Financial Statement and the assesment. Motion to accept the Financial Statemant was made by Don Pace and seconded by Steve Black. The motion passed.

The Commissioner's report was given by Grant Chappell.

There were some questions and discussion on the Garkane Canal. Grant explained that the canal is used for some storage and regulation for the lower users.

The commissioner's report was accepted.

The next item was commissioner for 1977. Motion was made by Talmage Jensen and seconded by Don Pace to reappoint Grant Chappell. It was indicated by all that they felt Grant had done an outstanding job in the past and that they were well satisified with his work

Commissioner's salary was set the same as last year, with authorization for Mr. Norseth to increase mileage from 16 to 18 cents per mile if gas prices go higher.

Don Pace made a motion and Steve Black seconded, to set the 1977 budget at \$2,793. Assesment was set the same as last year.

A general state-wide water outlook was then given by Mr. Norseth.

Mr. Norseth stated that he had been contacted by the Park Service concerning problems on Sulfur and Sand Creeks. It was indicated that the Park Service would pay the cost for Grant to measure the water being used from these sources.

Mr. Norseth will do some research on the water rights from these sources and contact the water users in about 30 days.

Meeting was then adjourned.